

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 2, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18 are presented for examination. Claims 3, 9, and 15 have been canceled, and their recitations incorporated into their respective base claims; this action is taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 4, 5-7, 10-13, and 16-18 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 18 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from U.S. Patent 6,311,011 (*Kuroda*) in view of U.S. Patent 5,388,197 (*Rayner*).

According to the present invention, a television signal receiver for receiving a program is connected to a plurality of recording apparatuses, and a recording apparatus is selected based on a genre of a received program and on genre information allocated to each of the recording apparatuses.

Claim 1 is directed to a television signal receiver connected to a plurality of recording apparatuses for recording program data received by the television signal receiver. The television signal receiver includes an input unit, an identification unit, an output unit, and an allocation unit. The input unit is adapted to input program data and the identification unit is adapted to identify a genre to which the program data belongs. The selection unit is adapted to select a recording apparatus from among the plurality of recording apparatuses in accordance with the genre identified by the identification unit, and the output unit is adapted to output the program data to the recording apparatus selected by the selection unit. The allocation unit is adapted to allocate genre information to each of

the plurality of recording apparatuses, and the selection unit selects the recording apparatus in accordance with the genre information allocated by the allocation unit and the genre of the program data identified by the identification unit.

Kuroda, as understood by Applicant, relates to a device for recording video signals and a device for displaying an electronic program guide. The Office Action at page 3 concedes that *Kuroda* does not disclose the recited selection and output units, and points to *Rayner* as allegedly disclosing the selection unit, citing the selecting means 52 in Figure 2.

In the *Rayner* system, the selecting means 52 is merely selecting a recording/reproducing apparatus based on timecode and control data, in contradistinction to the apparatus recited in Claim 1, where the recording apparatus is selected based on a genre of a received program and genre information allocated to the recording apparatus.

Applicant submits that nothing has been found in *Rayner* that would disclose or suggest a selection unit adapted to select a recording apparatus from a plurality of recording apparatuses in accordance with genre information allocated to the apparatus, and a genre of a received program.

Accordingly, Claim 1 is seen to be clearly allowable over *Kuroda* and *Rayner*, whether considered separately or in any permissible combination (if any).

Independent Claim 7, is a method claim corresponding to apparatus Claim 1, and is also believed to be patentable over *Kuroda* and *Rayner* for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claim 13 is directed to an apparatus broadly similar to Claim 1, and further

recites a setting unit adapted to set user information for each of a plurality of recording apparatuses, and a determination unit adapted to determine whether or not processing instructed by an instruction unit is from a user corresponding to the user information set by the setting unit.

Applicant submits that nothing has been found in *Kuroda*, cited in the Office Action at page 5 as disclosing in Fig. 9 the claimed setting and determination units, to disclose or suggest at least a determination unit adapted to determine whether or not processing instructed by an instruction unit is from a user corresponding to user information set by a setting unit. If this rejection is maintained, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner specifically to point to where in *Kuroda* these features are taught.

Accordingly, Claim 13 is seen to be clearly allowable over *Kuroda* and *Rayner*, whether considered separately or in any permissible combination (if any).

Independent Claim 18 is a method claim corresponding to apparatus Claim 13, and is also believed to be patentable over *Kuroda* and *Rayner* for at least the reasons discussed above.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

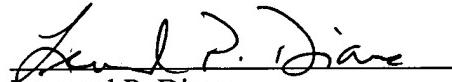
The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of

the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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